

West Virginia State Parks Special places – Past, present & future.



HISTORY ROLLS ALONG!

Links on this page connect you with special places that helped form the character of the State of West Virginia. From architecture and design, community spirit, and battle sites that shaped the formation of the 35th state in these United States of America, West Virginia, you'll find lessons in history, and like they say at Cass Scenic Railroad:

“Preserving America's Past for the Future.”

Architecture	About
<p>The Bauhaus movement and its influence is found at three West Virginia state parks:</p> <p>Hawks Nest State Park Pipestem Resort State Park Twin Falls Resort State Park</p> <p>Learn more Architect, Walter Gropius</p> <p>Learn more Modernist Movement – Bauhaus</p> <p>Learn more TAC-The Architects Collaborative</p> <p>Learn more Lodge Architecture – A Trio</p> <p>Learn more Historic Photos</p> <hr/> <p>Palladian style architecture in the late 1700's is showcased by a mansion on an island in West Virginia known as:</p> <p>Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park Learn more - Blennerhassett Mansion Learn more - Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History Learn more - The Putnam-Houser House</p>	<p>West Virginia State Parks</p> <p>YE FAMED WARM SPRINGS</p> <p>Berkeley Springs State Park “March 18th, 1748, We this day called to see Ye Fam'd Warm Springs.” – George Washington</p> <p>THE GLADE CREEK GRIST MILL</p> <p>Babcock State Park Learn more - “How the Mill Runs”</p> <p>CASS SCENIC RAILROAD</p> <p>Nestled in the mountains of West Virginia, Cass Scenic Railroad State Park offers excursions that transport you back in time to relive an era when steam-driven locomotives were an essential part of everyday life. Learn more</p> <p>The history of the town of Cass follows the evolution of the lumber companies that inhabited the valley and operated the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Mill. The mill operation was enormous during its heyday 1908 to 1922. Learn more - History of a logging community</p> <p>“At 3,853 feet, Spruce was one of the highest towns in the eastern United States. At this height it was normal to have frost in the warmest months of the year.” Learn more - The Town of Spruce</p> <p>Invented to do the impossible, the Shay logging locomotive was designed to climb the steepest grades, swing around hairpin curves and negotiate frail temporary tracks. Learn more - The Locomotives of Cass</p>
Civil War Sites – 1860's	The 18th Century Frontier (1774)
<p>Carnifex Ferry Battlefield September 10, 1861 Location</p> <p>Droop Mountain Battlefield November 6, 1863 Location</p>	<p>Prickett's Fort State Park Interpreters recreate late 18th century lifestyle through period attire, demonstrations of a variety of colonial crafts, and the fort.</p> <p>Tu-Endie-Wei State Park At the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers in what is now West Virginia, this area commemorates the frontiersmen who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Learn more history</p>

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

Many of West Virginia's state parks and forests were conceived and constructed by the labor and skill set of an American work force known and respected as the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1933 – 1942.

Camp references taken from *The C.C.C. Camps in West Virginia A Record of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Mountain State 1933-1942* by Milton Harr, 1992.

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

[Babcock State Park](#)

SP-3, Camp Beaver – 1934, Co. 1522

SP-6, Camp Lee – 1935, Co. 532

[Cabwaylingo State Forest](#)

S-61, Camp Anthony Wayne – 1935, Co. 3532

S-71, Camp Twelvepole (or Aracoma) – 1935, Co. 3540

[Cacapon State Park](#)

SP-4, Camp Morgan – 1934, Co. 1523

[Coopers Rock State Forest](#)

P-73, Camp Preston – 1935, Co. 3527

S-75, Camp Rhododendron – 1937, Co. 3527

[Droop Mt. Battlefield State Park](#)

P-68, Camp Price – 1935, Co. 2598

[Greenbrier State Forest](#)

SP-67, Camp White Sulphur – 1935, Co. 549

[Hawks Nest State Park](#)

See camps under Babcock

[Kanawha State Forest](#)

S-76, Camp Kanawha – 1938, Co. 2599

[Kumbrabow State Forest](#)

S-62, Camp Bowers – 1935, Co. 2594

S-72, Camp Randolph – 1935, Co. 3520

[Lost River State Park](#)

SP-2, Camp Hardy – 1934, Co. 1522

[Seneca State Forest](#)

S-51, Camp Seneca – 1933, Co. 1537

[Watoga State Park](#)

SP-1, Camp Seebert – 1934, Co. 1535

SP-5, Camp Watoga – 1934, co. 1525

SP-7, Camp Will Rogers – 1935, Co. 3537

S-52, Camp Watoga – 1933, Co. 1525

Other work programs of the 1930s – 1940s influencing development of West Virginia state parks.

THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (WPA)

[Pinnacle Rock State Park](#)

[Tomlinson Run State Park](#)

USDA FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

[Holly River State Park](#)